

Claim Amendments

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic vulcanizate, comprising:
a thermoplastic (A);
an at least partially vulcanized rubber (B);
a plasticizer (C);
conventional additives (D) other than plasticizer or surface modifier; and
a surface modifier (E) containing hydrogenated castor oil, which migrates uniformly onto a surface and forms a wax layer.
2. (Previously Presented) The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 1, wherein conventional additives are selected from the group consisting of fillers, aging protectants, UV stabilizers, UV absorbers, color pigments, flameproofing agents, flow promoters and process adjuvants.
3. (Canceled)
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5. (Original) The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 1, wherein the vulcanizate has the following quantitative portions in regard to components (A, B, C):

thermoplastic rubber (A)	60 to 5 wt. %
rubber (B)	20 to 45 wt. %
plasticizer (C)	20 to 50 wt. %
6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 5, wherein the conventional additives (D) are added in 0.02 to 0.5-fold weight amount, in reference to the total of the three components (A, B, C).

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 7, wherein the surface modifier (E) is added in 0.005 to 0.1-fold weight amount, in reference to the total of the four components (A, B, C, D).

10. (Canceled)